

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A multifunction air knife for stripping a sheet from a fusing member. The air knife includes a manifold connected to an air supply source and has an outlet which directs a flow of air across a sheet path adjacent the fuser. The airflow is controlled so that for lighter weight sheets there is an initial burst of air and then a lesser continuous stream to prevent the light sheets from retacking to the fuser member.

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